

ARTESIA FREEWAY (ROUTE 91) HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE REHABILITATION PROJECT



Traffic fines double in construction zones.

Background: The Artesia Freeway (Route 91), one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced.

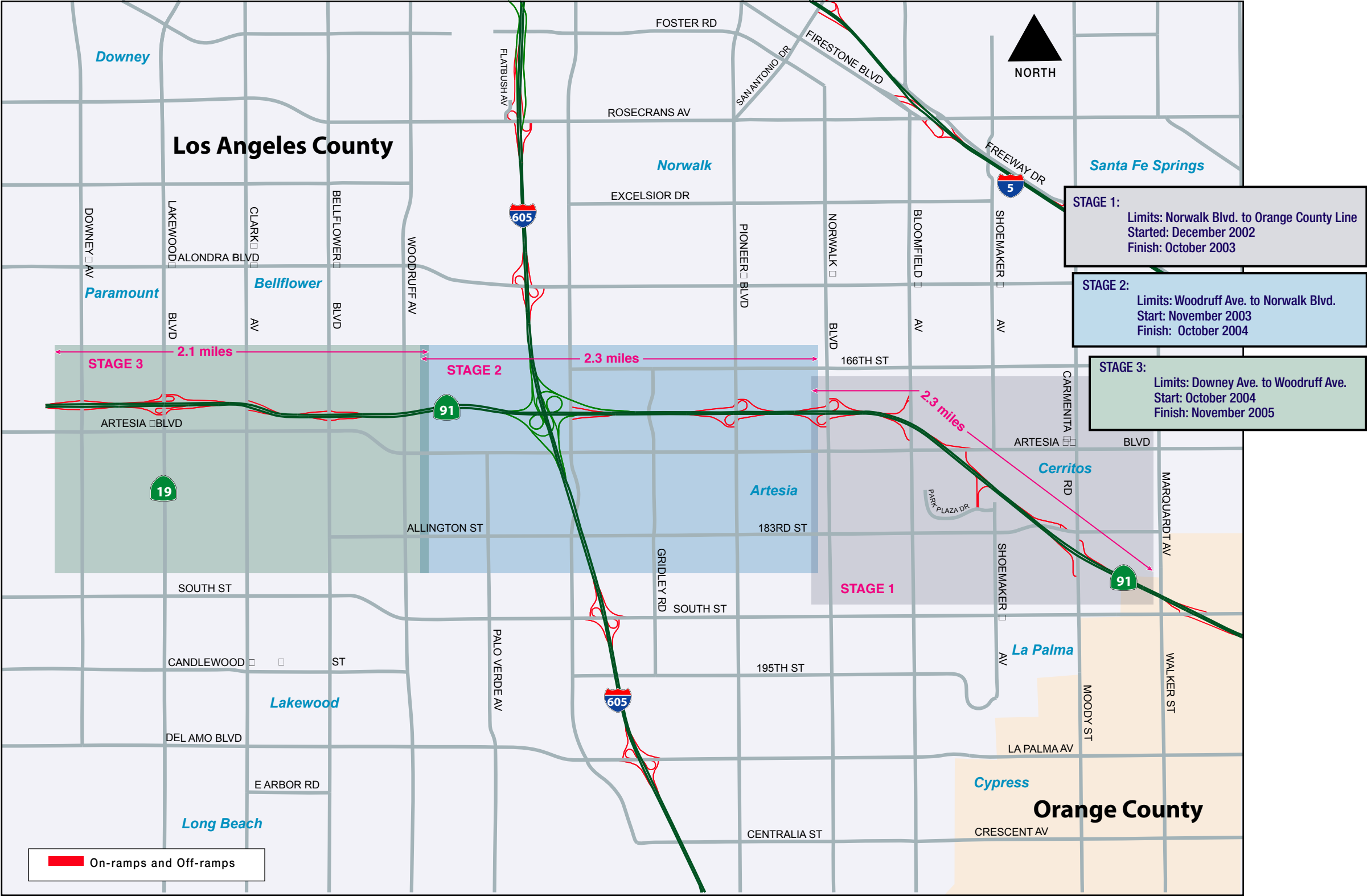
What the Work Involves: The project consists of three components: Grinding and removing the existing pavement and adding a new layer of concrete, replacing the existing median barrier, and replacing/repairing metal guardrails. Construction is being performed in three stages: the Orange County line to the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605); Pioneer Boulevard to Woodruff Avenue in Artesia and Cerritos; and Woodruff Avenue to Downey Avenue in Bellflower. Constructing 6,968-feet of soundwall on the eastbound side and 7,090-feet of soundwall on the westbound side of Route 91. Planting trees, shrubs, and ground cover on more than 40 acres of State right-of-way. The project includes irrigating plants with reclaimed water and the placement of cobblestones and textured concrete paving in various areas. It also includes a three-year plant establishment period.

Benefits: The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. Soundwall construction will reduce noise levels. Landscaping will help to control erosion, reduce glare and provide screening where necessary. Aesthetically, the project will improve the appearance and continuity of the roadside, integrating it with adjacent development.

Schedules: Pavement repair began in December 2002 and will complete fall, 2005; Soundwall construction began in January 2003 and will complete in winter 2003/2004; Landscaping began in September 2002 and will complete in spring 2007.

Estimated Costs: Pavement repair -- \$29.6 million
□ Soundwall -- \$13.7 million
□ Landscaping -- \$3.2 million.

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